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(b) whether he has undergone any University course of training in Mechanical Engineering in England or elsewhere ;

(c) the subject of his thesis for the M.Sc. degree and whether this degree was awarded after any written or oral examination ; and

(d) whether his membership of the Institute of Mechanical Engineers requires an University training in Mechanical Engineering ?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) No.

(c) The degree was awarded on the results of a written examination.

(d) The Government have no information.

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—“ May I know, if the Industrial Engineer is merely a Civil Engineer, why he is placed in charge of such a highly mechanical branch as industrial engineering ? ”

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—“ Because he is fit for the appointment.”

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—“ May I know whether a Civil Engineer is fit for industrial engineering purposes ? ”

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—“ It is asking for opinion.”

*Practical training undergone by the Industrial Engineer.*

\* 663 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Industrial Engineer has undergone any practical training in England or elsewhere in the following subjects and if so, the names of firms and the periods during which he has undergone such training—

(1) Steam Engine excluding Locomotives ;

(2) Internal combustion Engines ;

(3) Power drills ;

(b) the names of Engineering Firms and Workshops in England in which the Industrial Engineer made a special study, if any, of the various industrial concerns and projects ; and

(c) whether the Industrial Engineer has equipped his workshop with any mechanisms other than those usually found in the Public Works Department Workshop, or in any other private foundries and engineering firms ?

A.—(a) (1) & (2) The Industrial Engineer has had nearly five years' practical training in the North-eastern Railway Workshops in the manufacture and maintenance of steam and internal combustion engines.

(3) He had no training in power drills before the appointment to the department.

(b) No special study of local industrial concerns and projects was made abroad.

(c) The Government have no information.

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Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" It is said, Sir, in answer to clause (a) (3) that the Industrial Engineer ' had no training in power drills before the appointment to the department.' May I ask, Sir, why he was recruited to the post when he was not experienced in power-drilling ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" Presumably because he was considered to be qualified for the post."

*Research work made by the Industrial Engineer.*

\* 664 Q.—Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED : Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(a) what are the Industrial and Engineering projects investigated by the Industrial Engineer during the last five years and how many of them have been worked out;

(b) what are the items of research work successfully conducted by him in his workshop and which, if any, of them, could be considered to have any scientific value or to be incapable of being undertaken by private engineering firms; and

(c) whether the hon. Minister will be pleased to place on the table a report of the research work carried on by the Industrial Engineer?

A.—(a) & (b) The Government have no further information to add to what is contained in the answer to question No. 661. The annual administration reports of the department also detail all work of any importance done by in the Engineering Branch of the Industries department.

(c) A report is appended. <sup>a</sup>

Mr. BASHEER AHMAD SAYEED :—" Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether any projects were investigated by the Industrial Engineer and some improvements made in that direction ? "

The hon. Mr. A. RANGANATHA MUDALIYAR :—" I have nothing to add to the answer given, Sir."

### Religious and Charitable Endowments

*Introduction of the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923, in this province.*

\* 666 Q.—MAHMUD SCHAMNAD SAHIB Bahadur : With reference to the answer to clauses (b) and (c) of question No. 206, dated 3rd March 1927, will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state whether the Government have taken any further action in the matter of extending the provisions of Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923, to this province, and if not, why not?

A.—At the suggestion of certain Muslim Members of this Council who were consulted on the question, the Government have since called for more detailed information regarding the wakf properties in this Presidency in order to enable them to judge the need or otherwise for the application of the Mussalman Wakf Act, 1923. The Government of India have also been requested to inform this Government of the results of the working of the Act in other provinces.